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# Recruiters report inquiries increase

**RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AETCNS)** — In the days since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, the Air Force has received calls and e-mails from civilians who want to join or return to active duty, as well as from reservists who are volunteering to come on active duty.

Civilians should visit the nearest Air Force recruiting office to find out about available opportunities, said officials at the Air Force Recruiting Service at Randolph Air Force Base. To get more information about eligibility, people can call (800)423-8723 or go online to [www.airforce.com](http://www.airforce.com).

Locally, people can call the Air Force recruiters, Staff Sgt. Roy Bradt or Tech. Sgt. Otis Nattiel at 763-1301 or visit the Air Force Recruiting Office, 340 W. 23rd Street, Suite

J in Panama City.

Members of the Reserve who want to volunteer for recalls should fill out the volunteer request form online at <http://arpc.afrc.af.mil/dpar/VR3%20Form.htm> on the Web, said officials at the Air Reserve Personnel Center.

President George W. Bush has approved an order to call up as many as 50,000 members of the Reserve. The services have identified a need for 35,000 based on mission requirements. The Air Force portion of those requirements calls for 13,000 reservists, according to the Department of Defense release.

These reservists will be called upon to provide port operations, medical support, engineer support, general civil support and homeland defense, according to the release.



Capt. Chris Karns

## To honor, remember

**Airman Michael Kramer, a 325th Security Forces Squadron gate sentry, places a small American flag near his post as a sign of solidarity and in remembrance of the victims of the Sept. 11 terrorist attack.**

# Military leaders issue stern warning concerning racist sentiment, remind troops of zero tolerance

**SENIOR AIRMAN RUSSELL CROWE**  
325th Fighter Wing public affairs

Reports of racial incidents including destruction of mosques, hate mail and death threats toward Muslims and Arab-Americans continue to rise following the terrorist attack on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon Sept. 11.

In an effort to stop such incidents at Air Education and Training Command military installations, Gen. Hal Hornburg, Air Education and Training Command commander, released a memorandum to troops Sept. 14, in which he expressed concern and determination that 'no one be subjected to inappropriate treatment because of national origin, religious beliefs or physical appearances.' Troops were reminded that all offenses would be punished under the Uniform Code of Military Justice, an act he is

'personally prepared to take.'

Master Sgt. Ish Mohammed, flight chief at the Tyndall First Term Airmen's Center, is of Caribbean descent and is a practicing Muslim. According to him, there's more at stake than most people realize.

"Everyone has a right to freedom and dignity in this country," he said. "If we lose that as a people, we've lost our democracy as a nation. That would be a sad thing to see."

Sergeant Mohammed points out that the Muslim religion is one of peace, and that only radicals carry out events such as the attacks.

"The first thing you've got to remember is that we are American first. That's the most important thing. Everything else is secondary to that. I am a full-fledged Muslim. I believe in Islam — the right Islam, as a way of life. It is a religion of peace. I definitely don't believe in

the radical, fanatical type Islam that Osama Bin Laden and others have advocated. That is not Islam — it's not mainstream."

Sergeant Mohammed agrees that some Muslims and Arab-Americans across the United States are being mistreated, although it hasn't happened to him personally.

According to AETC guidance, every incident of discrimination or harassment that appears to be based on the victim's being Islamic or Arabic will be reported to AETC/JA immediately via wing legal offices.

"It's right for people to be upset," Sergeant Mohammed added. "For America as a whole to be upset, especially military members, is natural. But let's put things in perspective. Don't allow your emotions to speak for you. In this case, don't allow your emotions to take action. Think about what you're doing

first and understand there are laws in this country. If you do something stupid, discriminate or make irrational comments and are in the military, those consequences can come to haunt you later on. We are all one team, black, white, brown and yellow, whatever uniform we have on."

According to the Almanac Book of Facts, the Islamic religion is the fastest growing in the world. Currently, it's the third largest with more than 7 million practicing Muslims in the United States and more than 300 in Bay County. During a 137 percent worldwide population increase over the last decade, Christianity increased 37 percent while Islam increased 235 percent. About 100,000 Americans per year convert to Islam.

# Wing to implement new supply system

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SUPPORT SQUADRON

The new Supply Asset Tracking System is tentatively scheduled for implementation at Tyndall Air Force Base in October 2001. The system will allow the supply process to track assets quicker, better and more efficiently. It will use advanced technology to track parts moving through the supply chain using equipment similar to that of commercial shipping companies (FedEx, UPS). From the time the part is received until the customer signs for the property, the SATS will

track who has moved the property. When the item is returned by the customer, for repairable parts, the part is again tracked until it can be stored as serviceable or shipped off base for repair or disposal.

The system will require all supply customers to acquire a SMART Card that has a microchip that stores the customer's personal and organizational information. This card will store the customer's name, rank and organization codes the customer is allowed to sign for, if the customer is an equipment manager (for equipment issues) and if they are

authorized to sign for classified material.

The issuing of SMART Cards to the customer will be a critical step in implementing the SATS. Without a card, customers will not be able to sign for the property when it arrives at their work location. The SATS database administrator will enter the customer's information into the database at a central point. The cards can then be issued from multiple supply locations, such as storage and issue, customer service and remote processing station.

The system will also eliminate approximately 90

percent of the DD1348 (paper) documents currently printed by the supply system. The exceptions to this rule will be for property shipped to other bases or the Defense Reutilization Marketing Office. The DD1348 will be replaced by a 3-by-4-inch self-adhesive label. This label will be affixed to the property and the handheld terminals will scan the label to track the location of the asset in the supply chain.

If you have any questions about the system or would like more information, contact Diane Plunkett, 283-4463 or Carl Vachon, 283-4787.

## AAFES provides free items to Pentagon rescue workers

GERRY J. GILMORE  
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Military and civilian rescue workers at the Pentagon crash site made a pleasant discovery yesterday morning: the Army and Air Force Exchange Service had arrived.

Mobilizing two 45-foot trailers from its Newport News, Va., distribution center, AAFES has established a field-style exchange store that provides rescue workers with free towels, bottled water, soft drinks, snacks, lip balm, T-shirts, socks and other items. The facility is operating around the clock.

"This is just wonderful, just fantastic, how AAFES is supporting the soldier," said Staff Sgt. Michele Hammonds, a public affairs noncommissioned officer with the Army Reserve's 214th Mobile Public Affairs Detach-

ment, Fort Belvoir, Va.

Sergeant Hammonds' unit had been assigned to provide support to the Pentagon recovery and relief operation, she remarked. The Portsmouth, Va., resident noted that she was happy AAFES was there, too.

"If you're here for an extended period of time, you need items like aspirin and other things that we didn't bring because we're so focused on the mission at hand," Sergeant Hammonds said.

The AAFES facility is parked just outside the cordoned-off area where rescue workers labor to comb and remove debris, shore up sagging columns and continue the search for victims.

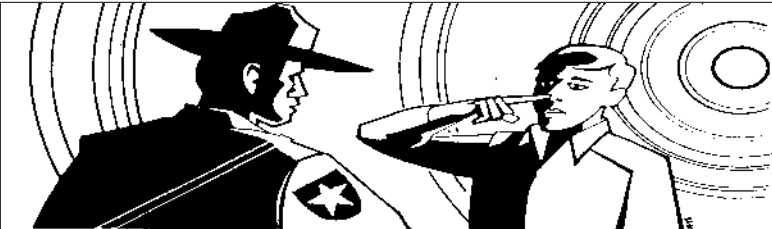
Army mortuary specialists Staff Sgt. James Frazier and Pvt. Khiran Corbitt of the 54th Quartermaster Company, Fort Lee, Va., spent part of their Satur-

day afternoon work break at the AAFES facility. They both picked up shower shoes, soap and the like.

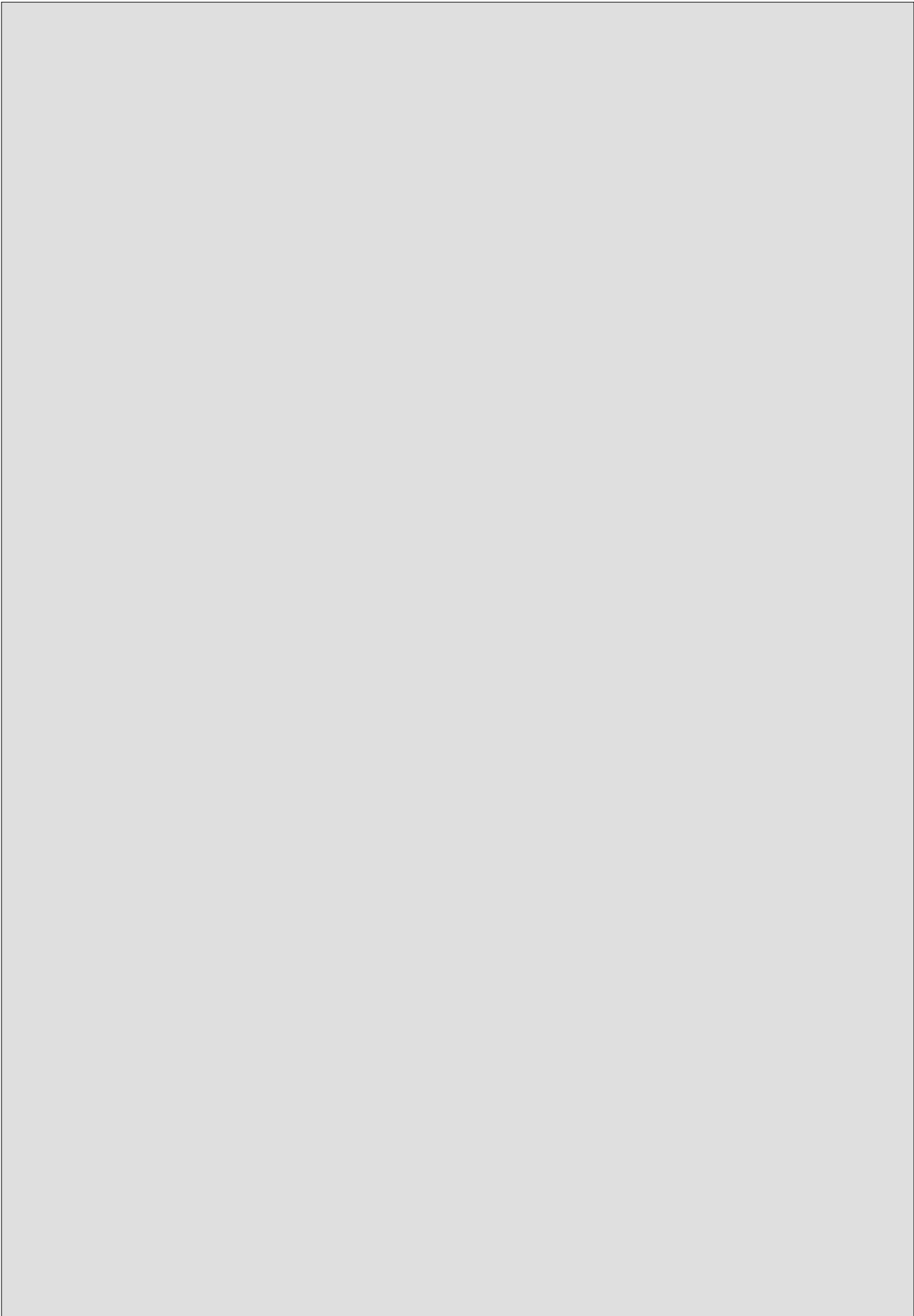
"The Red Cross, AAFES and the Salvation Army are doing a wonderful job, treating us very well and keeping us well fed," Private Corbitt said. "We really don't have to worry for anything and can concentrate on just doing our jobs."

Army Capt. Thomas Johnson and Sgt. 1st Class Jeff Reilly, both of AAFES, drove to the Pentagon from the organization's headquarters in Dallas to help with the operation. Sergeant Reilly noted that more than 2,000 military and civilian workers had used the mobile store facility since it opened.

"We were sent out here to provide support, to do what AAFES has been doing for 106 years — and that is to provide support to soldiers and airmen in time of need," Captain Johnson said.



**Think  
before  
you  
drink.**



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While the Air Force can't force people to think or feel a certain way, it's assuring through its programs that all troops are treated with dignity and respect, no matter the color of their skin or religious beliefs.

"In the Air Force, we treat all people with dignity and respect," said Col. William Bledsoe, 325th vice-commander. "We have zero tolerance for any form of discrimination."

To report acts of violence or discrimination, use your chain of command or contact the military equal opportunity office at 283-2739.



2nd Lt. Serena Custis

**Sniffing out threats**

Staff Sgt. Damian Phillips, 325th Security Forces Squadron, and Loke, a Belgian Malinois bomb-detection dog, inspect a vehicle at the Cleveland gate. The gate is open to inspect commercial deliveries before entering the base.

**Tyndall's chapel schedule**

**Catholic**

Daily Mass: 11:30 a.m., Monday through Friday, Chapel 2

Reconciliation: After Saturday Mass or by appointment

Mass: 5 p.m. Saturday, Chapel 2

Mass: 9:30 a.m. Sunday, Chapel 2

Religious education: 11 a.m. Sunday

**Protestant**

Communion Service: 9:30 a.m., Chapel 1

General Protestant Service: 11 a.m., Chapel 2  
Chapel 1: 283-2691

Chapel 2: 283-2925

**Other faith groups:** Call 283-2925

# Afghanistan: A battleground through the ages

**JIM GARAMONE**  
American Forces Press Service

**WASHINGTON** — It is a country that has humbled three empires, yet Afghanistan has few natural resources and is wreathed in poverty.

Afghanistan is sheltering Osama bin Laden, the man suspected to be at the center of the attacks on the World Trade Center in New York and the Pentagon. President Bush wants him “dead or alive.”

Afghanistan is a rugged country regarded as the crossroads between Central and South Asia. As such, it lies on the route taken by invaders and explorers from Alexander the Great to Marco Polo to the British to the Soviet Union.

There is no functioning government in Afghanistan. The executive branch broke down in 1996. The legislative branch stopped functioning in 1993. The judicial branch stopped in 1995.

The Taliban get most of their support from the Pashtun ethnic group. They control the capital of Kabul and about 80 percent of the country while other fac-

tions rule the multiethnic north. The United States does not recognize the Taliban as Afghanistan’s government.

The Taliban said their aim was to set up the world’s purest Islamic state. They initially gained favor by efforts to stamp out local warring factions and corruption.

The Taliban has imposed Shari’a (Islamic law) in the areas it controls. The imposition means offenses are punished by public executions and amputations. The Taliban have made it illegal to educate women or for women to work outside the home. It is illegal to watch any television program not cleared by the Taliban or to own any videocassettes that are not religion-oriented. The Taliban has also outlawed the Internet.

Afghanistan has 25 million people, but many are refugees. Pakistani officials said about 2.5 million Afghans are living in their country. More are trying to reach Pakistan as tensions between the United States and Afghanistan increase over bin Laden. Other countries with significant Afghan refugee popula-



Map of Afghanistan

tions are Iran and Turkmenistan.

Afghanistan is a landlocked country bordered by Pakistan, Iran, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan and China. In the north of the country is the Hindu Kush, a mountain range that is part of the Himalayas.

The country is 99 percent Muslim and 1 percent “other.”

The Taliban have outlawed all other religions in the area they control. In fact, the Taliban are prosecuting some American aid workers for allegedly distributing Bibles and “trying to tempt people from the ‘True Faith.’” Some 84 percent of Afghans are Sunni Muslim and 15 percent

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# Attacks take lives, buildings, but not our spirit

BRIG. GEN. WILLIAM F. HODGKINS  
325th Fighter Wing commander



It's been a week filled with anger, sorrow, prayer and patriotism. As the country begins the healing process, America's Air Force

remains ready and open for business. While the attack took American lives, it did not take the American spirit. Our spirit transcends the anger and sorrow that has invaded our country, and it can be seen in the selfless acts of everyone from the rescue workers all the way down to blood donors.

Today is POW/MIA day. This day serves as a reminder that freedom is anything but free. Across the globe, military installations will pause and pay tribute to all prisoners of war and those considered missing in action. We will reflect on the courage and sacrifices made in defense of America's freedoms. These are the same freedoms men and women in uniform fight for every day.

This year POW/MIA day takes on new meaning. Many everyday heroes are among the 5,000 people listed as "missing" following last week's terrorist attack. They include fathers and mothers, sons and



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daughters, men and women in uniform and business people alike. While not all these people had chosen to serve in the profession of arms, each in their own unique way contributed to what makes America so great. Undoubtedly, their skills and talents led to a better America.

Although it is a terribly painful time for those who have lost loved ones to this senseless act of violence, take comfort in knowing that we are committed to winning the war on terrorism.

Don't let terror reign. Continue enjoying the freedom we've worked so hard to attain. Americans have stood tall in the face of this

tragedy, rallying to support one another in our time of need. We need to continue to do that.

This war on terrorism will require the support of every American, not just our servicemen and women. Make no mistake about it — we are at war.

We will continue to preserve our freedoms just as we have done for more than two centuries. We are ready to bring these terrorists to justice. We will be patient, we will be focused and we will be steadfast in our determination. We will win.

For those we lost in this terrible tragedy, our nation's lasting promise to all Americans lost in war — we will never forget.

## Action Line

The Action Line is your direct line to me. It is one way to make Tyndall a better place to work and live.

Action Line calls are recorded and staffed through the proper agency. The goal is to provide you with an accurate, timely response. You must leave your name, phone number or address to receive a response.

Questions or comments of general interest will be published in this forum. This avenue should only be used after coordinating problems or concerns with supervisors, commanders, first sergeants or facility managers. If you're not satisfied with the response or you are unable to resolve the problem, call me at 283-2255.

For fraud, waste and abuse calls, you should talk to the office of inspections, 283-4646. Calls concerning energy abuse should be referred to the energy hot line, 283-3995.

BRIG. GEN. WILLIAM F. HODGKINS  
325th Fighter Wing Commander

# Terrorist attack forces reflection, self-evaluation

SENIOR AIRMAN RUSSELL CROWE  
325th Fighter Wing public affairs

I'm one of those people who always seems to be in the wrong place at the wrong time. Sept. 11 wasn't any different.

I saw the terrorist attacks on the United States from Fort George G. Meade, Md., just a stone's throw away from the Pentagon. It was the last day of a month-long course. I was graduating that morning and flying out on a Boeing 747 around lunch. I had my tickets in hand, ready to return home.

I saw news of the first plane crash on the World Wide Web and I immediately began to worry about my flight home — not the hundreds, possibly thousands of people who had lost their lives. Then I felt a deep sickness envelop me. I realized that I was being selfish and callous. The embarrassment still haunts me.

I watched as the second plane hit the south tower of the World Trade Center - our worst fears were confirmed: it was no accident.

Then news of the Pentagon attack came blaring across the screen. Were friends and fellow servicemembers OK? Outside the window near my desk, smoke billowed over the tree line from the burning concrete and office supplies that only minutes before

were a symbol of the mightiest military in the world.

Disbelief and confusion turned to anger and suddenly fear, as it dawned on my classmates and me that Fort Meade, home of the National Security Agency, might very well be the next target.

I felt like my stomach was a taut rubber band that had just been plucked. I stood staring into space, unable to fathom the scope of death and fear left in the wake of the attacks. I hoped and prayed that it was over. I thought about families and friends who were desperately making phone calls, paging relatives or trying to reach the disaster zones.

Like so many Americans, I sat glued to my television over the next few days, horrified about what was to come for the families lined up on street corners, the soldiers ready to fight and the firefighters digging through the wreckage.

I finally boarded a Delta flight at Baltimore Washington International Airport Friday night, and lo and behold, it was nearly empty. Even after loading all the passengers who had previous flights cancelled, I was all alone, two empty seats next to me.

As the red, white and blue tail of the Delta jet lifted from the ground, I stared at the emptiness of those two seats. The

plane was engulfed by an eerie silence and all I could think about were those seats. Then I found an inner peace. Not because I had gotten over the first-flight jitters, or because I had proven I wasn't going to let a terrorist attack change me. I accepted that it had changed me, and I'll never be the same.

Life is fragile. I had forgotten, and honestly, taken it for granted. No one in the Pentagon or World Trade Center realized Sept. 11 would be the last day of his or her life. I doubt they took an extra moment to tell their wives, husbands or children how much they loved them. It was just another day. But in an instant they were gone. I bet if they had it to do over again they would change everything.

But they can't. They're not here. If they could talk to us, they would probably ask us to appreciate life to its fullest, to treat every day as if it's our last, to take time and be thankful for everything we have. In doing this, they will live on. We can carry the torch of remembrance by not forgetting that life is precious, sweet, and often times, too short.

As we ascended toward the heavens in an eagle of steel, under starlight on a dark fall-like night, I came to a realization: I knew that my view had been backwards. This time I was in the right place at the right time.

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# Secretary of Defense addresses military

**DONALD H. RUMSFELD**  
Secretary of Defense

As the men and women who have fought America’s wars, you – more than all others — understand what the Sept. 11 attack on freedom and democracy means for the days ahead.

More than simple acts of terrorism by radical or unbalanced individuals, this was an attack on our way of life, our country, our home.

In a recent message to U.S. armed forces here and abroad, I spoke of the memorable moments that have marked all great crises throughout our history, images that live forever in our hearts and in our minds.

Not surprisingly, we’ve seen many such moments during this crisis as well — moments of remarkable courage and selflessness; moments of fierce patriotism and pride.

Policemen and firefighters working night and day, with no thought for themselves; men, women and children giving blood until the banks are overflowing; businesses and corporations donating coffee, food and water to sustain those who would not stop

working; chaplains counseling distraught families; friends and total strangers reaching out in loving gestures of human support.

And everywhere — the American flag, on buses and taxicabs, in windows and over doorways, as armbands, on jackets and hats, and most especially, waving in glorious defiance above the smoking and twisted wreckage of our enemies have wrought. One such flag, unfurled by fire-fighters, proudly hangs huge and proud near the gash in the Pentagon wall.

But I also warned that more — much more — will be asked of Americans in the weeks and months ahead.

We face well-organized and sophisticated enemies, made all the more powerful by the terror they are so willing to unleash. Now that terror has been brought to our door,

we owe it to ourselves and — as the president has said — to all future generations, to stop it, eliminate it and destroy it at its core.

Today, all Americans are united in anguish and anger. But we must also be united in purpose and in will.

While the immediate task of vanquishing freedom’s enemies will fall to our military men and women, all of us — particularly those like you who understand the price of freedom — will be called upon to strengthen our national resolve.

And so, as we ask God’s tender mercies on all those who have fallen, we ask also for His guidance and protection for all of us who remain to finish the task now before us.

I thank the same God for America’s veterans — those of you who made us free and kept us free. I thank God for all you have done, and for all I know you will do again, to support peace and final victory.

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**DONALD H. RUMSFELD**  
Secretary of Defense

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are Shi'a Muslim, mostly along the border with Iran.

Afghan history has been bloody. Alexander the Great moved through the area and allegedly fought a battle near what is now Kandahar. Genghis Khan's invasion and subjugation of the area in the early 1200s marked the last time Afghanistan was conquered.

Czarist Russia and Britain vied for control of Afghanistan throughout the 19th century because its strategic location made it a key to the control of India. Both suffered defeats.

The British occupied Kabul in 1838, but worsening resistance led them to quit in January 1842. Given a pledge of safe passage, the British commander led about 700 Britons — soldiers, wives and children — 3,800 Indian troops, and more than 12,000 camp followers from the city. The

trek through a snow-covered mountain pass to safety would become a 90-mile death march. Only one man emerged alive.

In the 20th century, Afghanistan humbled the Soviet Union. Seeking to prop up their communist satellite in the country, the Soviets invaded in 1979. In a 10-year effort, hundreds of thousands died. The United States, Saudi Arabia, Pakistan and others supplied and trained the anti-Soviet mujahedin forces. In 1989, the Soviets were forced to leave.

But the fighting didn't end. Various mujahedin factions fought among themselves for control of the country. The Taliban rode to power on this fighting. Civil war continues in the country, but to a lesser extent than in the past. In addition to the continuing civil strife, the country suffers from enormous poverty, a crumbling infrastructure and widespread live land mines.

# Air Force won't repeat past strategic mistakes

TECH. SGT. SCOTT ELLIOTT  
*Air Force Print News*

**WASHINGTON** — The Air Force's top officials pledged Monday that the service would not repeat the mistakes of strategy that led to the nation's greatest single loss of life on a battlefield — a battle which took place more than a century ago.

Secretary of the Air Force Dr. James G. Roche and Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper made their remarks during an Air Force re-enlistment ceremony at the Pentagon. Fifty-four airmen took part in the ceremony, symbolizing the service's 54th birthday.

"I don't think you could have picked a more momentous time to re-enlist," Secretary Roche said. "Today marks the 139th anniversary of the (Civil War) battle of Antietam. What's interesting about that battle that's timely for today is it remains the greatest single loss of American life in battle."

Of the roughly 23,000 casualties, about 3,000

Americans lost their lives. Many of those losses were because of mistakes in leadership.

"It was an example of not understanding the technology of war," Secretary Roche said. "War had changed, but the leaders didn't know how to adapt to new technology. They didn't know how to adapt to how war had to be fought (in those conditions) compared to the way they'd always done it."

Secretary Roche said that the terrorist attacks Sept. 11 were a wake-up call to America's military of today.

"It's a signal that war in the future will not be like war in the past," Secretary Roche said. "But unlike the officers of Antietam, this Air Force is open. It's willing to listen. It believes in challenging up and recognizes that many of you are the key to our future."

Noting the Air Force's relatively short history compared to America's other armed forces, General Jumper reflected upon the service's heroic past.

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Every member of Team Tyndall is valuable. Play it safe, don't become a statistic.



Photographer's Mate 1st Class Michael W. Pendergrass  
Military servicemembers render honors as fire and rescue workers unfurl a huge American flag over the side of the Pentagon during rescue and recovery efforts following the Sept. 11 terrorist attack.

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Senior Airman Lewis Pittman, 325th Security Forces Squad  
identification Tyndall Air Force Base main gate. One hundred p  
mandatory during heightened security measures.

# Glory she wave



Senior Airman D. Myles Cullen

The U.S. flag flies at half mast over tent city at Cairo West Air Base at Cairo, Egypt, in recognition of the terrorist attacks.



Capt. Jim Fabio

The United States flag is cast against a backdrop of destruction caused by the attack on the twin towers of the World Trade Center in New York City on Sept. 11.



Senior Airman Russell Crowe

Shirley Whittle, floral designer, makes patriotic floral arrangements for the base flower shop Wednesday. The shop is currently selling more than 15 arrangements a day.

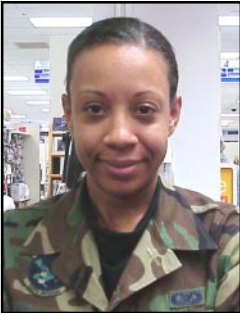


Journalist 1st Class Preston Keres

New York City firemen walk past the American flag as they work their way toward the heart of the devastation that was once the World Trade Center in New York.

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How do you think America has changed since the tragedy?



“I think we’ve stopped taking every-day securities and relationships for granted. We’re more appreciative of our loved ones.”  
**STAFF SGT. RENA DILLARD**  
325th Air Control Squadron



“I think people are more aware now. When I see the flags everywhere, I think it should be that way year-round. It just makes me proud to be an American.”  
**TONYA DRINKWINE**  
Base flower shop



“Americans don’t get as aggravated at each other anymore, like with road rage. We’re just so angry with the people who are responsible for this.”  
**NARCISO AND MARY VILLARREAL**  
Air Force retired



“It’s nice to see the drawing together of support. We’re more openly patriotic now. It’s been a long time since America’s personality has been concentrated in one direction.”  
**LT. COL. JESS WILSON**  
53rd Weapons Evaluation Group

In Brief

Delivery of *News Herald* suspended

Home delivery of the Panama City News Herald has not been possible since Tyndall AFB went to heightened security measures following the Sept. 11 terrorist attack on the United States. Currently the *News Herald* is holding past papers until they are able to resume delivery. Customers who don’t wish their papers to be held can contact the *News Herald* and have their subscription suspended until the base reopens for delivery. They will be credited for the time they do not receive the paper. If customers don’t call, their papers will automatically be held. For more information, call 747-5050.

Physician-assistant training

Applications for physician-assistant training for classes beginning in January 2003, April 2003 and August 2003 will be accepted not earlier than Oct. 1 and no later than Jan. 25, 2002. Only active-duty enlisted Air Force members are eligible for this program. For more information and application instructions, call the relocations section at the military personnel flight, 283-2244.

# Services squadron still open for business

## Take advantage of all Tyndall has to offer

MARCIA A. ROBERTSON

325th Services Squadron marketing

It is tempting to begin this article with the obvious—to say that the world to which we are accustomed has changed. A few weeks ago, the 325th Services Squadron was working hard to prepare for a major base event—its first attempt at a medieval banquet. The officers' club staff was busy getting the menu planned and food ordered. The community activities center folks were helping with the decorations. The local Society for Creative Anachronism had agreed to provide the entertainment. Hey, we'd even built a dragon.

The banquet on Sept. 8 went splendidly. We were amazed at the intricate costumes people had obviously worked so hard to make. The SCA members had been outstanding in their presentations. The food was good, even if we didn't get to use any silverware. Yes, the medieval banquet was definitely going to be an annual event. Then, Tuesday came.

We all wish that this current crisis would be nothing more than a frightening movie. We'd like to believe that as soon as the credits roll, we can walk out of the darkness of the theater and get on with our lives. But our world has been altered and now we must deal with those changes.

In this time of anticipation and uncertainty, the services squadron wants every person connected with this base to know that we are here to provide both combat and community support. We are open for business.

Services is making changes to adapt to people's new schedules. Berg-Liles dining facility and Eagle Quick Turn are serving meals on schedule. The child development center and youth center's school-age program are open extra hours to accommodate the childcare needs of personnel whose work hours have been shifted.

During these times of increased stress, it is important to keep up physical fitness and extra-curricular activities. The fitness center is open daily. You can shed some pounds and, more importantly, some stress by working out. Focus your nervous energy on a new hobby. Woodworking and painting classes are scheduled at the skills development center and the artist/craftsman contest as well as the photo contest runs through Sept. 28.

Children need places to go and things to do. The youth center's open recreation program, teen center and sports activities can give your child a place to make friends, learn a skill and enjoy just being a child. Check out some books or videos at the library and spend an evening at home with the family.

We are here for everyone. Gather some neighbors together and head for Raptor Lanes. The CAC's Pigskin Picks will continue its heated competition as the NFL starts playing again. Both clubs plus the snack bar and pizza pub at the CAC are open. The marina, golf course and Bonita Bay are ready for customers. And at marketing, well, we still need a new name for our weekly page. Send us your suggestions so we can choose a winner.

There are some services that are not able to open temporarily. At this time, the aero club is not flying and the skeet and trap range are closed. But as we all struggle to get used to the new normal, all other services facilities are waiting to help the military and dependent, the retiree and civilian employee, find a way to enjoy both work and play.

We're sure you will see some adjustments to our hours of operation and the type of activities we offer as time goes by and we respond to changing conditions. One thing won't change: the 325th Services Squadron will always be here to serve you and help the base accomplish its mission.

### ●FROM REPEAT PAGE 7

"We've made our mark," he said. "We grew up with heroes — astronauts, aces and Medal of Honor winners. And we have our heroes from the 11th of September."

Those heroes include Air Force Reserve Maj. Leroy Homer, a pilot aboard hijacked United Airlines Flight 93.

"We know there was a struggle aboard that aircraft," General Jumper said. "We like to think that people in uniform tried to retake control of that aircraft and save many more lives on the ground."

"As the president of the United States said, 'this is not for the short-term, but the long-term'," General Jumper said. "The heroes that are (here) today will approve."



**TRICARE is here to help. If you need assistance, call your TRICARE service center, 286-1000.**

The Gulf Guide

Your link to what's going on in the Tyndall community

This Week

**Today**  
**POW/MIA 24-hour vigil run**  
The POW/MIA 24-hour vigil run continues through 4:15 p.m. today. The run is held at Maxwell flag park and is hosted by the 81st Test Support Squadron. For more information, call Airman 1st Class Matthew Schoch or Senior Airman Caddonna Skepple, 283-2863.

**Monday**  
**'Moms, Pops & Tots'**  
The parent and child interaction play group, "Moms, Pops & Tots," for parents and their under-age-five children meets on Mondays. For more information and meeting locations, call 286-5812.

**Anger-management class**  
The last meeting of the three-session anger-management class will be 1-3 p.m. Monday in the life skills support center, Building 1305. For more information, call family advocacy, 283-7272.

**Tuesday**  
**Civil Air Patrol meeting**  
Civil Air Patrol meetings for children 12 years old and older will be held 6-8:30 p.m. every Tuesday in Building 852. The CAP offers local and national activities with a focus on educational and professional development. For more information, call Capt. Laura Palm, 283-7594, or Master Sgt. Perry Newberry, 283-4189.

**Boating skills course**  
The Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 19 boating skills and seamanship class will be 7-9 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. Students may elect to attend six sessions regarding safety, rules and regulations before taking an examination or take the entire fourteen-session course, which includes additional topics such as piloting, knots, weather and radio, before an examination. The course runs through Oct. 9. There is no charge for the instruction, but a \$30 material charge is necessary for books. For more information, call 215-2025 or 769-1896.

**Wednesday**  
**Effective-parenting skills seminar**  
The last meeting of the three-session effective-parenting skills seminar will be 3-4:30 p.m. Wednesday in the health and wellness center classroom. For more information, call family advocacy, 283-7272.

**Stress-management class**  
The last meeting of the three-session stress-management class will be noon-2 p.m. Wednesday in the health and wellness center, Room 104. For more information, call family advocacy, 283-7272.

**Thursday**  
**Antiterrorism training**  
Mandatory antiterrorism training is provided by the Air Force Office of Special Investigations on a walk-in basis 8 a.m. every Thursday in Building 656. The training will last approximately 45 minutes. Anyone with a permanent change of station or temporary duty assignment to an overseas location who has not received Level-I Antiterrorism training within six months of their departure date is required to receive this training prior to out-processing. Out-processing checklists should be brought to the training session. Military dependents are encouraged to attend. For more information, call Special Agent Doug Hartwell, 283-3261 or 283-3262.

**Yard Sales**  
There are no yard sales scheduled for Saturday.

**Classifieds**  
New, unopened Dell PIII computer, 1.0 GHz, 20 GHD, 128 R, 15-inch monitor, speakers, Ethernet card, \$800. For more information, call 286-5727 after 5 p.m.  
Must sell, Dell Pentium laptop computer, 8X CD ROM, Windows 98, 3.5-inch floppy, 56K modem. Battery, electrical cords, 5 months warranty, Office 2000 installed. Asking \$400 OBO. Call 286-1308.

Notes

**VolksSport Club 5/10K walk**  
The Panama City VolksSport Club's 5/10K walk will be Oct. 13 at Pine Log State Forest off Highway 79, north of Panama City Beach. The walk can be started any time between 8 a.m. and noon but must be completed by 3 p.m. 5K walks are the equivalent of walking 3.1 miles and are held on park trails. This event is in conjunction with Florida's Greenways and Trails Month, encouraging all those in Florida to hike a trail during the month. Walks are free to those not desiring credit and \$2 for those desiring IVV/AVA credit. Grilled sausages, salad, dessert and soda will also be available for \$5. For more information, call DJ Moore, 871-2624, or Caroline Bagley, 234-5792.

**British car rental company investigation**  
The British Ministry of Defense Police and AFOSI are currently conducting an investigation into a company that rents vehicles to U.S. and other authorized personnel in and around the RAF Lakenheath, Alconbury and Mildenhall areas within the United Kingdom. The allegations are that this company may have charged for damage to rental vehicles, which did not occur, and also that U.S. personnel may have been deceived into paying other fraudulent charges for vehicles. Those who have been defrauded may not know they paid unnecessary or unlawful fees. In order to establish if you have been subjected to the frauds committed by this company, please contact your local AFOSI unit so they may collect some information from you.

**Hispanic heritage volunteers needed**  
The Hispanic Heritage committee is looking for volunteers to participate in activities during Hispanic Heritage month, which runs through

Oct. 15. The festivities are open to all military members, dependents and civilian personnel. For more information, call Airman 1st Class Viedelquina Hoyte, 283-2670.

**Mr. Olympia visits beach church**  
Eight-time Mr. Olympia Lee Haney will visit the Faith Christian Family Church at 13300 Panama City Beach Parkway 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Sunday. Nursery and child care are provided at each service. For more information, call 234-7978.

**Minnesota Air National Guard openings**  
Immediate Minnesota Air National Guard positions are available with the 148th Fighter Wing, Duluth, Minn. For more information, call Master Sgt. Frank Bucar Jr., DSN 825-7440, or call toll free, (800) 831-7027. Interested individuals may also call the military personnel flight customer service office, 283-3198.

**FSU seeks outstanding alumni**  
Florida State University, Panama City campus is seeking nominations for FSU PC alumni to be honored as this year's Notable 'Noles. Selection criteria includes demonstration of excellence and dedication while attending FSU, contributions and involvement in the community and/or professional accomplishments after graduation. The three alumni selected will be recognized at the Annual Alumni Homecoming Luncheon Nov. 8 and the homecoming celebration Nov. 9. Forms may be completed online at: [www.pc.fsu.edu](http://www.pc.fsu.edu) or by stopping by the FSU PC information desk. The deadline is Sept. 21. Selectees will be notified by the first week in October. For more information, call Sarah Denman, 522-2035.

Retiree News

**Medicare info online**  
The Retiree Activities Office Web page, [www.tyndall.af.mil/325FW/RAO.htm](http://www.tyndall.af.mil/325FW/RAO.htm), has links to many Internet sites related to medical care. The Medicare Web site [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov) provides the following search-and-compare features:  
● **Medicare health plans** – helpful when comparison-shopping for a health plan to complement your Medicare coverage. Gives a list of managed care plans in your area, the costs, benefits offered and how the plans compare with each other.  
● **Nursing homes** – helpful when comparing nursing homes in an area by looking at their resident characteristics, state-inspection results and nursing staff information.  
● **Dialysis facilities** – helps locate and com-

pare dialysis services available in an area. Offers locations of dialysis facilities, shifts that start after 5 p.m., adequacy of hemodialysis, anemia management and patient survival information.  
● **Participating physician directory** – includes the names, addresses and specialties of physicians participating in Medicare. These doctors are those who accept Medicare assignment on Medicare claims and covered services.  
● **Helpful contacts** – helps you find the names, telephone numbers and Internet addresses of organizations that can give answers to general questions on Medicare, other insurance programs, Medicare billing, Medicare fraud and abuse and health-care facilities in a particular area.

Base Theater



**Today:** "Planet of the Apes" (PG-13, some violence, 120 min.)  
**Saturday:** "Planet of the Apes"  
**Sunday:** "Rush Hour 2" (PG-13, action, violence, language and some sexual content, 88 min.)  
**Thursday:** "Rush Hour 2"  
All movies start at 7 p.m.

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to come out ahead  
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**FLEX YOUR WINGS**

Tips to help children cope with a disaster

COURTESY OF FAMILY  
ADVOCACY

Disasters can create a variety of stress reactions including worry and fear, horror from witnessing events through the media, feelings of isolation, concern about loved ones, feeling threatened and a sense of heightened mortality.


Children's responses to stress often mirror their parents' reactions. Children have difficulty accepting that there are events in their lives that cannot be controlled, predicted or prevented by adults. Behaviors may be seen in children (or adults) after disaster, including complaints of illness, withdrawal, acting silly or hyperactive, heightened separation anxiety, being lethargic, having difficulty accepting changes, fear of the dark or of being alone, poor concentration, aggressiveness, jumpiness and nightmares. You'll be the best judge of whether or not your child is having difficulty with stress.

- Monitor your children's

TV watching and limit exposure to troubling scenes. If you decide to let your children watch graphic footage, watch it with them so you can put it into perspective and answer their questions.

- Talk to children at a level they can understand. Avoid getting into technical details.
- Encourage your children to talk about what they've heard or seen on TV or from friends.
- Encourage questions. Clarify misinformation. Don't be afraid to admit you cannot answer all questions— and seek out answers. Continue to provide ongoing opportunities to talk.
- Encourage your children to talk about other fears they may have.
- Help children understand that there are no bad emotions and experiencing wide-ranging emotions is normal.
- Continue structured activities at and after school with other children—kids do better if they can be with their peers rather than be isolated.

- Encourage children to express fears via drawing pictures and telling stories.
- For persistent symptoms that hamper children's functioning at school, home or in their regular routines and activities, seek out advice or assistance from school counselors, your pediatrician, mental health professionals or other experts in handling children's problems.
- Don't focus entirely on the negative aspects of this disaster—point out the heroic, helpful and compassionate responses. Involve them in volunteering in whatever way you can. This will help teach them the importance of helping others in need.
- Children need to know that most people are kind. Try not to focus on blaming or stereotyping people.
- If you or friends will be flying soon, point out to your children the measures being taken for safety, and stay in frequent contact en route.
- Use this opportunity to review your family emergency plan.

 **Thinking about getting out?**

Get the facts first. Call Chief Master Sgt. Ron Georgia, 325th Fighter Wing career assistance adviser at 283-2222.



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## Win a Panasonic Cordless Phone!

Here's  
How

Submit your suggestion by Sept. 28 to: fax - 283-8132  
email - [peggy.geil@tyndall.af.mil](mailto:peggy.geil@tyndall.af.mil), or mail - 325 SVS/SVK Stop 31  
113 Suwannee Ave  
TAFB, FL 32403-5717  
Include name and phone number.  
Must be Tyndall AFB personnel age 18 or older.

September 21, 2001

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### Community Activities Ctr.

☎ 283-2380

#### Pick Skin Picks Weekly Winner

Tom Wallace 13 correct picks.

### Marina Club

☎ 283-3059

#### Winter Hours begin Sunday

Mon.: Closed

Tues., Wed., Thurs.: 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Fri.: 10 a.m.-9 a.m.

Sat.: 8 a.m.-6 p.m.

Sun.: 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m.

### Bowling Center

☎ 283-2380

#### Snack Bar Specials

■ Bar-B-Q Beef or Chicken Sandwich  
with a choice of potato salad or cole  
slaw and a drink for just \$2.85.

■ Bacon Cheeseburger, Fries and  
Drink \$3.50

200 Full Color  
Business Cards: \$20  
283-2228

The Pizza Pub & Snack Bar at the CAC are Open.  
The food is worth the walk!

## WWF Unforgiven!

Appearing on pay-per-view  
Sports Page Pizza Pub at the CAC

- Drink Specials
  - \$100 Door Prize\*
  - FREE Popcorn
  - Pizza Buffet 6-7:30 p.m.
- September 23 • 7 p.m.**

Tickets \$7 on sale now.  
Includes Pizza Buffet  
Must be 18 and above

## 283-3222

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2nd Annual

# Car Show

**October 7, 2001** \$10 per entry  
Preregistration Sept. 15 - Oct. 3

- Prizes
- DJ Rockin' Rob
- Photographs
- Food & Beverages
- Kids Activities



### 8 Award Classes:

Class Trophies - 1st-3rd Place

- Pre '54
- 1955-1964
- 1965-1974
- 1975-1984
- 1985-1994
- 1995-present
- Custom
- In service Law Enforcement

### 5 Local Trophies:

- Commander's Choice
- People's Choice
- Ladies' Choice
- Club Participation
- Tyndall's Best

For information call Gary at 763-1695 or 774-1754 or call the E Club at 283-4146

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**Bubbles Car Wash**  
**Larry's Real Pit BBQ**



## Hey Football Fans, here's... 3 Ways to Win with Services

### ■ Football Quest at the Pizza Pub

- Win a trip to the AF vs Army football game Nov. 3

\*Sponsored in part by 3M Corp. & Hilton Garden Inn Hotel in Colorado Springs.

### ■ Pigskin Picks at the CAC

- Play for your chance to win Jacksonville Jaguars tickets  
& autographed merchandise.

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### ■ Football Frenzy in the Pizza Pub

- AF Club Members could win a trip to an NFL game, the Super Bowl,  
the Pro Bowl, or a trip for four to Disney World or Disneyland.

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**Pizza Pub • 283-3222 CAC • 283-2495**



## Pelican Point Golf Course Championship Sept. 22 & 23

Sign up by noon on Sept. 21. Eligibility:  
Must be assigned or work on Tyndall AFB.  
Will be flighted by total number of  
handicaps.

Pro Shop: (850) 286-2565

### New Lodging Rates

Effective Oct. 01 the AETC lodging  
rates will be as follows: \$21.50 for  
VOQs; and \$30.50 for large  
distinguished VOQs. The TLF rate will  
remain \$27.50.

## All Ranks at the O Club Deluxe Brunch Buffet

**Sunday, September 23rd**  
**9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**

Members \$6.95, Non-Members \$8.95

Kids 6-12 \$3.75, Kids under 6 eat free

\* Champagne or Bloody Mary \$2.50 \*

Upgrade and include the

**Sandwich Bar**

Members \$3.25 • Non-Members \$5.25

**O Club • 283-4357**

### Enlisted Club

☎ 283-4146

#### Lunch Buffets 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Mon.-Thurs.: \$4.95 & Friday: \$5.95

Monday: Call Club

Tuesday: Themed Buffets

Wednesday: Meat & Potatoes

Thursday: Country Cookin' Buffet

Friday: Seafood Buffet

### Bonita Bay

☎ 283-3199

#### Cancellations

- Global Volkssport
- Fall Flea Market

### Base Pool Closed for Season

### Skills Development Ctr.

☎ 283-4511

#### Calling All Artists & Photographers

##### ■ 2001 Artist Craftsman Contest

Adult and Youth Divisions. Entries are due  
by Sept. 28. Entry forms can be picked up  
at the center. \*Sponsored in part by:  
Southwest School of Art & Craft.

##### ■ 2001 Photo Contest

Adult and Youth Divisions. Entries due by  
Sept. 28. \*Sponsored in part by Nikon &  
Professional Photographers of America.

### Automotive Class

Sept. 27, 5:30 p.m. Tire Change, Balance  
and Rotation. Class duration 1 hr.

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## Air Force Clubs The 2001 Ultimate Membership Drive

**10 Air Force winners get  
their choice of a Ford  
Ranger, Chevy Cavalier,  
Dodge Neon or \$8,500!**

Signup by November 18 to be eligible for t  
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E Club: 283-4357 • O Club: 283-4146

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